Statement

DESU TARIFF As On 30-9-1991 *and effective from* 1-10-1993

(Paise per unit)

Category	Rates as on 30-9-1993	Rates effective from 1-10-1993	Percentage increase
DOMESTIC	40 (first 100 units)	60 (first 100 units)	50
	50 (next 100 units)	100 (next 100 units)	100
	150 (next 100 units)	180 (next 100 units)	20
	200 (above 300 units)	240 (above 300 units)	20
DOMESTIC POWER	200	240	20
NON-DOMESTIC			
Low Tension . . .	150	240	60
Mixed load (—T) . .	170	240	41
	plus Rs. 60/- per KVA	plus Rs. 100/- per KVA	67
INDUSTRIAL			
Small Industrial Power (SIP)	125	200 upto 15 KW/20 HP 220 beyond 15 KW/20 HP	60 76
Large Industrial Power (LIP)	200	240	20
	plus Rs. 60/- per KVA	plus Rs. 100/- per KVA	67
Street lighting . . .	137	190	39
	plus Rs. 30/- per month maintenance	plus Rs. 40/- per month maintenance	33
Agriculture . . .	20	50	150

Postponement of Hydel and Thermal Project to 9th Five Year Plan

585. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHR PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the recommendations of the Planning Commission the Ministary of Power has put several hydel and thermal projects on the chopping block earlier slated to come up in the Eighth Plan to the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details of sucn projects and the reasons for their postponement from Eighth to Ninth Plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is likely to be shortfall of 45 per cent in the net capacity addition during the Plan period i.e. only 17,500 MW capacity will materialise against a target of 300,538 MW; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) Central Electricity Authority has informed the Ministry of Power that looking at the current status of various on-going projects, particularly in the State Sector, the entire capacity addition programme of 30,538 MW may not materialise in the 8th Five Year Plan. CEA estimates capacity addition during the Plan-period at about 20,000 MW including projects with a capacity of about 2000 MW which for commissioning in the Plan-period would need considerable efforts and funds. The Government has taken note of this assessment and action is in hand to ensure that these projects do not slip beyond the initial years of the 9th Five Year Plan. Simultaneously more generation is sought to be attained from existing power stations so as to mitigate, to some extent, the consequential power shortage.

Loans from World Bank to NTPC and Power Grid Corporaion of India

586.. SHR VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the "Observer" dated 19th October, 1993 captioned NTPC, Power Grid may lose loans for failure to collect dues;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has threatened to suspend loans worth 750 million dollars to the national Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCI) until major commercial convenants signed by them at the time of loan agreements are fulfilled;

(c) if so, the details thereof, what is the amount of World Bank's loan agreed and paid so far to NTPC and PGCI;

(d) the details of the reports relating to NTPC and PGCI based on the appraisals conducted by the World Bank's own teams;

(e) the details of overdues of the NTPC and PGCI in respect of which the World Bank has threatened to suspend loans;

(f) the steps taken by the NTPC and PGCI so far to improve their collection and reduce the outstandings from the SEBs; and

(g) the amount outstanding against each SEB as on 30th September, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The World Bank has approved loans of US dollar 350 Million and US dollar 40/ Million to Power Grid Corporation of India (POWERGROD) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) respectively. The lian to NTPC is the first tranche of loans amounting to US dollar 1 2 Billion.

POWERGRID has claimed US dollar 8.2 Million so far from the World Bank out of the above loan.

The World Bank had, inter-alia, indicated not to declare the NTPC loan effective and suspend the rights to make withdrawals from loans by POWERGRID unless they are in compliance with the agreed convenants.

(d) In the case of NTPC, a Bank team came in October, 1993 to supervise the progress achieved in implementation of agreed activities under the ongoing loans and during negotiations for the new loans. The team expressed general satisfaction over the progress but expressed major concern over the high level of outstanding dues of State Electricity Boards (SEBs).